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SUBJECT: DEATH OF BERNARD SMITH

TO: 1) MISS COLETTE SMITH
406 MARKET STREET
MT. CARMEL, ILLINOIS 62863

2) MRS. MACGREGOR
616 WEST 4TH STREET
MT. CARMEL, ILLINOIS 62863
TEL. 618-262-4806

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST INFORM YOU
OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER/BROTHER, BERNARD SMITH.
MRS. BERNARD SMITH INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS
BY TELEPHONE ON JUNE 22 OF HIS DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL
ROBERT DE BRE, REIMS. MRS. SMITH STATED THAT SINCE THE
CAUSE WAS UNKNOWN, AN AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED.

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2. MRS. SMITH MAY BE CONTACTED TODAY AT THE HOPITAL
ROBERT DE BRE, REIMS, TEL: 069633, EXTENSION 4525.
SHE IS STAYING AT THE HOTEL EDELWEISS, 7 RUE DE CHANOINE
CAMUS, 51100, REIMS, TEL: 06-20-24.

3. SINCE REIMS IS APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS DRIVE FROM PARIS, AN EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER HAS NOT PERSONALLY SEEN MR. SMITH'S DOCUMENTATION. MRS. SMITH HAS INFORMED US THAT SHE WISHES TO HAVE HER HUSBAND'S REMAINS EMBALMED AND SHIPPED VIA AIR TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THIS PURPOSE FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED. PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$2,900. MRS. SMITH HAS ALREADY SELECTED POMPE FUNEBRES LANE (MR. BERNARD LETELLIER) IN PARIS TO HANDLE THIS MATTER FOR HER.

4. ALTHOUGH MRS. SMITH HAS RESERVATIONS ABOARD THE QUEEN ELIZABETH RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES IN JULY, SHE PLANS TO RETURN TO THE STATES BY PLANE NOW AND HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO TAKE CARE OF HER PLANE FARE. SHE REQUESTS THAT FUNDS FOR THE UNDERTAKERS EXPENSES BE WIRED TO HER CARE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS, PARIS. SHE PLANS TO BE IN PARIS TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CASHING MR. SMITH'S TRAVELERS' CHECKS, AND TO ARRANGE FOR SHIPMENT OF HER CAR VIA THE QUEEN ELIZABETH.

5. TELEGRAPH PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED TO MRS. SMITH. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT.
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6. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS, FRANCE
GAMMON

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